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ADVISORY

In an effort to give timely notice to the pharmacy community concerning important pharmacy topics, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's (DHMH) Maryland Medicaid Pharmacy Program (MMPP) has developed the Maryland Medicaid Pharmacy Program Advisory. To expedite information timely to the pharmacy and prescriber communities, an email network has been established which incorporates the email lists of the Maryland Pharmacists Association, EPIC, CARE, Long Term Care Consultants, headquarters of all chain drugstores and prescriber associations and organizations. It is our hope that the information is disseminated to all interested parties. If you have not received this email through any of the previously noted parties or via DHMH, please contact the MMPP representative at 410-767-1455.

Maryland Medicaid Pharmacy Program Copay for Tobacco Cessation Products

Effective October 21, 2016, Maryland Medicaid Pharmacy Program (MMPP) will no longer charge copayments for Tobacco Cessation Products (e.g., nicotine products, Chantix® (varenicline), Zyban SR® (bupropion SR), etc.) for claims adjudicated through the pharmacy Point of Sale (POS) claims processor, Xerox State Healthcare. The change is due to a provision of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA).